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## OTTAWA MAKES SURVEY OF LIVESTOCK MARKETING

### Strength of High Grade Cattle Is Market Feature

**Sales Heavy With Top Grade Holding Up Well on Whole in Recent Weeks**

**95% HOME CONSUMED**

**Hog Sales About 20% Below Last Year Due to Drop in Supply**

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery  
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Oct. 14th. — Members of the agricultural department here whose work is to follow constantly the marketing of livestock and to assess any features of importance or changes that may appear to be in the wind, say that sales of cattle in the past three or four weeks have been heavy with prices of top grade and choice cattle holding up well.

Prices on common kinds have been dropping, although this, they state, is fairly normal for this time of year. The outstanding feature of the markets has been the demand for and price strength of high grade cattle. This is in the face of a practically complete lack of export. The prices across the border just now are below the domestic markets, when the differential in freight and import is taken into account, so export for the present practically doesn't exist.

#### Sales of Hogs Down

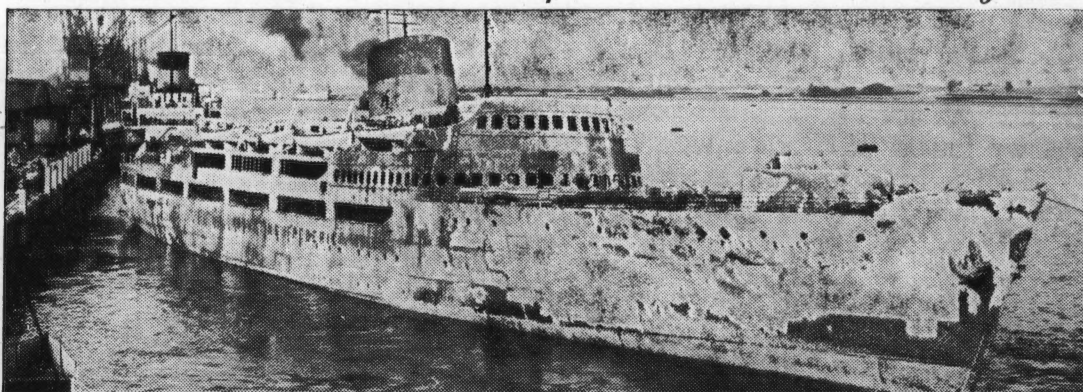
The sales of hogs have been about 20 per cent below last year, running now from 70 to 75 thousand weekly; but while volume is down, prices are strong. The main reason of the low range of marketing is that supplies (the number of hogs on farms in Canada) have been allowed to go down. There has also been an increase in pork consumption in this country, where it has been estimated consumption might reasonably take care of 90,000 a week. There has further been some purchasing of Canadian hogs and pork by American buyers. Imports of most pork products from the United States, on the other hand, have been prohibited during 1953 because of vesicular exanthema in that country.

#### Stabilizing Factor

Exports, of course, help the livestock industry. The fact that there is the opportunity for export provided prices are satisfactory is a stabilizing factor in the industry. At the same time, it is interesting to note from compiled figures that in the first seven months of this year about 80 million pounds more of beef were consumed in Canada than in the same months of 1952, and 90 million more than in the same period of 1951.

Of all cattle marketed in the seven

### Rescued From Dark Depths to Sail Seas Again



Less than five months ago the Danish passenger ship *Kronprins Frederik* (3,895 tons) caught fire, collapsed and sank at the Parkeston Quay at Harwich, England. Now she has been refloated, and is seen above leaving Harwich, on tow for Elsinore, Denmark,

where she will be refitted. Aboard the ship are seven men. She is being towed by two tugs across the North Sea. After she was raised, thousands of tons of mud had to be pumped out of her hull. The Danish owners expect that before very long she will be back in service.

### Metis Adopt Modern Concepts of Living

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — Northern Saskatchewan's Metis are slowly adopting more modern concepts of living, it was shown by anthropological studies carried out under the direction of the Provincial Natural Resources department. The studies were made by V. Valentine, M.A., graduate in anthropology from the University of Toronto, who has spent the past two summers visiting communities in the North.

#### Gradual and Sometimes Painful

The transition from traditional to modern customs, he found, is gradual and sometimes painful, but readily noticeable. The younger generation, especially, shows greater adaptability — a fact which is credited to the government's enlarged educational program.

In one settlement, which includes a number of Metis ex-servicemen, the people are rapidly adopting "typical Canadian ways" in their way of dressing, type of home, and dependence on stores for food. In other, more remote areas, where the Metis have never had the experience of regular routine employment, they are almost completely dependent on game and fish, and their ideas of time, space and daily living are still quite different from those of other Canadians.

months of 1953, ninety-five per cent were consumed in Canada. Cheaper beef, it is stated in reports, has been largely responsible for the increase in its domestic use. There has been a drastic change in the relationship of beef and pork prices. A year ago this summer cattle were worth about one third more than hogs, while this summer they were worth about one quar-

### More Investment in Asian Regions Urged

TOKYO — More capital investment from other countries in the Asian region, to promote economic development, was urged by the Asian Regional Conference, which met here recently for two weeks. Other measures proposed deal with improvement of conditions in wages, housing and the protection of young workers; workers' electoral rights; and prompt ratification of ILO conventions. The conference was held under the auspices of the ILO (affiliate of United Nations) and was attended by 131 delegates, advisors and observers from 21 countries.

#### Norway Holds End Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nine of the 18 whaling expeditions to the Antarctic in the next season, opening January 2nd, will be Norwegian. The whaling companies have agreed to market their whale and sperm oils from this catch through a Sales Committee.

#### Farm Cash Income Total

OTTAWA, Ont. — Farm cash income in Canada in the first half of this year, is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$1,173,700,000, which is less than one per cent lower than the corresponding figure for 1952. Returns from sales of wheat, dairy products and eggs were higher, while those from oats, tobacco and hogs were down.

ter less than hogs, and except for seasonal changes the price of hogs will likely remain fairly strong. The consumption of pork in Canada this year has been slightly above that of 1952 (about 2 per cent).

### Parker to Speak on Wheat Marketing at U.F.A. Co-op Meeting

W. J. Parker, president of Manitoba Pool Elevators, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative in the Palliser hotel, Calgary, on Thursday November 19th. Mr. Parker will speak on world wheat marketing problems. As one of the delegations from farmer co-operatives at sessions of the international wheat conference, Mr. Parker speaks with wide knowledge and authority.

Under the presidency of George E. Church of Balzac, the annual meeting of the U.F.A. Co-op. will be held in the Labor Temple in Calgary on November 19th and 20th, when reports on the year's operations will be submitted to the delegates, policy for the future will be dealt with, and directors will be elected. In advance of the sessions, the Executive will meet on November 16th, the Board sessions opening on the 17th.

### Will Import 65,000 Metric Tons Grain From Russia

PARIS, France — French imports of grain during the current crop year will include 65,000 metric tons from Russia, guaranteed under an agreement signed in the summer. Total requirements from all countries are expected to be less than the 211,000 tons imported in the previous year.

#### Cost 3,000 Lives in U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In the U.S. last year farm fires cost 3,000 lives and destroyed \$133 millions in property, states the Department of Agriculture.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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## Dairy Substitutes and Deception

IN a recent address, our Deputy Minister of Agriculture, O. S. Longman, stated in a forceful and convincing manner the reason why, in his judgment, the practice of deception, which is regarded as unethical in other fields, should be equally condemned when it is resorted to in promoting the sale of substitutes for dairy products. We are sure this excellent presentation will be found of great interest to our members. Mr. Longman said in part:

The dictionary defines a deceiver as: "One who deceives; one who leads into error; a cheat; an imposter. A deceiver operates by stealth and in private; an imposter practices his arts on the community at large. The one succeeds by artful falsehood, the other by bold assumption." Based on the foregoing interpretation, persons or organizations demanding, practising, condoning or making possible the coloring of margarine could be labelled as an accessory in an act of deception.

### Causes of Demand

The demand for coloring of margarine arises from two causes. First, from the processor for the reason that margarine thus modified in appearance is more acceptable, more saleable and presents less sales resistance. The color is demanded in order to make the substitute resemble the genuine so that it will be more readily accepted and consumed by the public.

The other demand is incidental and arises from the housewife who would prefer to have margarine colored. She, for seasons best known to herself, would like to have it look like the genuine because it is a displacement for butter. She may not wish to

reveal to her friends that on social occasions her household budget will not permit her to serve butter, which could occur if margarine is uncolored. The processor does not wish her to be so embarrassed, so he includes a tab of coloring free of charge in the package, and if she desires may mix the coloring with the margarine.

### Right in Own Household

Now Mrs. Jones within her own household and being in a democratic country has a perfect right to do anything she wishes with her uncolored margarine. If she wishes she may color it or treat it in any manner. She is accountable to her own desires, to her own conscience.

The demand of the vendor, or the processor or the consumer, to have margarine colored, while important, is not the all important issue.

The seriousness of the demand rests on the insistence that the legislative assemblies of the Provinces of Canada should legalize and condone by statute these deceptive intentions and thus become an accessory thereto.

### Position of Public Servants

Deception, regardless of whether it is sponsored by a producer, processor or consumer, by the individual or body corporate, is equally questionable. In this regard public servants, high or low, occupy a peculiar position. They occupy a position of public trust. They are required to take an oath of of-

fice as evidence of their acceptance of the trust, in which they solemnly undertake to perform their duties with integrity and justice. The people or the institutions who ask their public servants to participate in matters involving deception would, in effect, have them disregard their declarations.

Yes, to some these arguments may appear trivial, to be idealistic, possibly unreal. I hold in my hand a piece of paper that purports to be a dollar bill. I think it is genuine, but I am not positive. I am not competent to judge or to prove if it is genuine or false. If perchance it is not genuine, the person or persons who designed it had only one purpose in mind and that was to deceive, to make it appear as genuine and to obtain personal gain.

This same motive is approached by the processor who demands the coloring of margarine. The law makes the former an indictable offence. In the case of counterfeit money people and governments are sensitive to its deceptive implications. Possibly we are not sufficiently sensitive or have lost our sensitivity to other forms of deception.

### Why Make Exception?

When certain seeds are imported into Canada they are stained for identification purposes in order that the Canadian public may not be deceived and led to believe, by those who merchandise them, that they are of Canadian origin. Why do we wish to make an exception in the identification of margarine and not in the case of imported seeds?

Most institutions that are demanding the coloring of margarine, pack the product in cartons which carry designs and brand names which are copyrighted by law. They are copyrighted for their protection against the possibility of any person other than the owner using the same or copies of the same. Why are they protected in this regard? Obviously to retain the identity of their product until it is sold. Presumably, however, it is their wish that, when the wrapper is removed, the product should resemble and be accepted as butter, which for centuries has been identified by its natural yellow color.

### The Case of Horsemeat

In recent years horse meat became an item in the Canadian diet. Provincial and civic authorities, impelled by public opinion, took special precautions to surround the merchandising of this product with controls to protect the public against deception and dishonesty.

In this instance, why did we not insist that inasmuch as horse meat resembles other meats, and is equally nutritious, that it be sold as other meats without restrictions? It was fear and a consensus of opinion that such liberties might lead to deception and imposition on the part of those responsible for the merchandising of horse meat.

### Must Subordinate Profit to, Service

Ethics is a science. It is worthy of the same respect, research and application as natural and other sciences. Possibly the observations made by Nicholas Murray Butler, for

years the President of a great American University, are worthy of study: "If profit and profit alone be the end sought by human effort, then society must reconcile itself to steady disintegration, increasing conflict between individual groups and nations, and eventual destruction. It is only when we rise above the profit motive and learn to subordinate profit to service, that social, economic and political order begin to come within sight of a firm foundation and a continuing existence with peace and happiness assured to the great mass of mankind".

### Set Dairy Convention Dates

The Alberta Dairymen's Association will meet in annual convention at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on February 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Dr. E. W. Crampton, professor of nutrition at Macdonald College, Quebec, will give two addresses, it is announced.

Last winter over 900 samples of seed grain were planted, grown and harvested in California — a second crop in 24 months speeding up increase in new varieties.

### Lettuce Waste Basis of Industry in California

MONTREAL, Que.—Lettuce waste is being utilized by a new industry developed in California, states CIL News Letter. Damaged lettuce heads, outside leaves and culls are processed to produce vegetable oil and cattle feed meal. Lettuce "meal" is comparable to alfalfa meal, it is stated, in protein, carotene and chlorophyll content, but it has less fibre.



### "Could I keep working?"

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**An Excellent Food**

Cheese is an excellent food, since it contains milk protein and milk fat which are both highly digestible.

Cheddar cheese contains about 35 per cent moisture, 34 per cent fat, 26 per cent protein, 2.5 per cent salt and the remainder carbohydrates.

Varieties of cheese made from skimmed or partly skimmed milk contain less fat but are rich in protein. Cottage cheese for example, contains about 3 per cent fat, 20 per cent protein, and the balance carbohydrates, salt and water. The protein content of Cottage cheese compares with that of lean beefsteak.

**Four Classifications**

There are several hundred kinds of cheese on the market and in general they may be divided into four classes, soft, intermediate, hard and processed.

Soft cheese is of two kinds, Cottage and the ripened product such as Camembert.

Among the intermediate types are Roquefort and Munster.

The most common varieties of hard cheese are Cheddar and Swiss.

There are various types of processed cheese sold either in glass or paper containers or in wrapped loaf form.

**Still Increase in Denmark**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The upward trend in hog numbers in Denmark continues, states **Foreign Crops and Markets**. The latest census, of July, 1953, shows an increase of about 35 per cent above 1951 and 36 per cent above 1939.

During the first quarter of 1953, Ireland's meat exports were 54 per cent greater than in the same months of last year.

SCOTT, Sask. — Comparisons made over the past five years by the Experimental Station here, shows that Chinook wheat excels Rescue in quality, matures earlier, has a better bushel weight, yields only slightly less and is very similar to Rescue in all other respects.

Almost a million pounds of Alta-swee Red Clover seed, of the 1952 crop, has been exported from Alberta to the U.K.

**Butter Prices—Various Cities of the World**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Butter prices in early September, in various cities of the world, says **Foreign Crops and Markets**, were as follows: Hasselt, Belgium, 78.5 cents per pound; Paris, 78.4; New York, 66.3; Kempton, Germany, 59.4; Montreal, 58.9; Dublin, 55; Leeuwarden, Netherlands, 46.1; Copenhagen, 42; Sydney, Australia, 41.8; London, 41. These are wholesale prices, in U.S. currency.

S. G. Sims, Holstein breeder of Stonewall, Manitoba, who had judged at most of the major exhibitions of Canada, died recently at the age of 83.



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**Owner Is City Man Turned Farmer**

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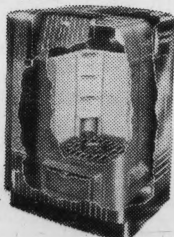
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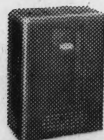
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## CROP INSURANCE

In the prairie provinces, where extreme variations in seasonal weather conditions and other hazards in production are common, the possibility of bringing greater stability to agriculture by the provision of all-round crop insurance has engaged the producers' interest for many years.

The subject is one of great complexity, and for some years past the farmers' organizations have been giving it extensive and intensive study. At the annual meetings to be held within the next few months it is likely to be one of the major topics of discussion.

Some time ago a report on crop insurance was presented to the annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture by President Roy Marler. Since then the studies of the Federation have continued; and at the next annual meeting in December, the results of these studies will be presented to the delegates. They will learn what has been done south of the international border, where various forms of crop insurance have been inaugurated, and they will be able to profit by the experience of our good neighbors in this field.

In the past, caution has been well advised. The risks of launching a plan of insurance prematurely would be great. An ill-considered plan doomed to failure would prejudice any future effort.

If a satisfactory plan can be devised, however, its contribution to the stability of western agriculture might be very great indeed.

We think the coming discussions on the subject will prove of the highest value; that they are likely to enable the delegates and the farm people they represent to make sound decisions, based upon a very thorough examination of all the considerations involved, and of the operations of insurance schemes elsewhere.

The subject is dealt with in the submission made on October 9th by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool to the Royal Commission on Agriculture and Rural life set up by the government of that province.

The Pool sets forth that sufficient experience has now been accumulated under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act "to point the way to broader and more comprehensive schemes further to ameliorate instability arising from the natural hazards of grain production."

From a brief examination of the experience accumulated in Saskatchewan by PFRA, whose benefits of course are quite limited, the brief indicates, two things emerge:

"The first that some form of insurance against the hazards of cereal production is necessary. The second that it is hardly likely the farmers can bear the whole cost of a satisfactory insurance scheme."

The Pool recommends the adoption of "an adequate scheme of crop insurance, the cost to be borne jointly by the dominion and provincial governments and the producers."

The submission made to the Royal Com-

## A THOUGHT FOR HARVEST

Reprinted

And now the days of harvest are fulfilled,  
The stubbled fields, of golden glory shorn,  
Proclaim the season's haunting fears now stilled,  
And safely home the precious cargo borne.  
The eager freighters, weighted down with grain,  
By day and night to far-flung markets ply,  
But, by the ancient law of loss and gain,  
The poor, however needy, may not buy.  
Where hunger hovers peace can not be bred,  
Nor can war's flame and fury peace compel.  
Only a common table, amply spread,  
The fires of world unrest will ever quell.  
Want keeps the human spirit deaf and blind  
To doctrines that would fortify the mind.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

mission covers a wide range. The policies it recommends over the whole field of agriculture are in line with the decisions which have been reached by the Western Agricultural Conference and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture from year to year, while the special needs of Saskatchewan agriculture are also stressed.

The case for the establishment of floor prices for agricultural products is presented at length, livestock and poultry prices being singled out for especial attention.

Producer controlled marketing boards, for many farm products, it is urged, would help to stabilize prices at levels fair both to the producer and the consumer.

## SOCIAL SLOWNESS IN RICH NATIONS

(Ottawa Citizen)

Canada and the United States are unique among the larger Western nations in having no form of national health insurance, according to a new League for Industrial Democracy booklet by Professor Seymour E. Harris of Harvard. With respect to many other social measures, too, the story has been similar. For example, it was only a few years ago that Canada adopted family allowances and unemployment insurance. The wealthiest countries in the world seem usually to be among the slowest in providing for the general welfare.

Part of the explanation may be that the North American societies are comparatively new, with great resources and expanding economies. Again, the federal form of government, with its divided authority, tends to delay action on social policies. And powerful lobbies, like the American Medical Association in the case of health insurance, capitalize on these circumstances in their propaganda. They denounce "foreign" ideas, or "interference" with states' rights.

Yet in the United States, as in Canada, the need for nation-wide health insurance is evident. Professor Harris points out that while more than half the people are covered by some type of voluntary health insurance, only about 3 per cent have comprehensive protection. Under existing plans, about half the American population cannot afford to be insured for the services that should be available to them.

Last December, a presidential commission favored comprehensive health services for all Americans. The majority recommended federal aid to those unable to insure themselves, under whatever plan each state might develop. The minority, representing labor and consumers, advocated a national plan. The report may get less attention from the Republicans than it would have had from the Democrats. But Senator Taft has in the past proposed to subsidize insurance for the poor, Senator Flanders has advocated coverage for the middle class, and President Eisenhower has declared his concern.

Canada is still under Liberal government, and a great number of voters would be likely to approve action to establish the prospective federal-provincial health insurance program.



# "FATHER, GOD BLESS HIM"

A Review by the Editor

ANYONE who has had the enjoyable experience of spending say half an hour in the company of "Ned" Corbett (\*) will expect a book from his pen to be both witty and wise. His recently published **Father, God Bless Him**, is both, and much more. It tells the story of the life of a remarkable Canadian.

## An Engaging Story

It is an engaging story. It adds much, incidentally, to an understanding of the character and genial personality of the son, as his friends know him. Dr. Corbett owes a great deal to his parentage and upbringing, including, no doubt, his ability to identify a stuffed shirt a mile away.

## Minister and First Class Horseman

"This little book" writes the author, "is an attempt to pay tribute to my father who was a Presbyterian minister, and a first class horseman. He brought up eight children on a salary of \$800 a year, and lived to see them all graduate from universities, largely because he believed that anyone at all — whether he had money or not (preferably not) — could go to a university and pay his way, and unless he was an utter idiot, could graduate. He was a remarkable man and a good man, and if I have tried to be amusing about him it is because he was himself a man of fun as well as an ardent Christian. . . . He loved to laugh and had a story for every occasion, but he had a quick temper and could break into fury in the pulpit, the home, or among his people, when he heard of, or witnessed, any cruelty or injustice."

Professor Corbett's father was the son of a farmer-lumber man, and was born at Gay's River, Nova Scotia, not far from the town of Shubenacadie, where his ancestors had settled in 1783. "He had worked on a farm and in lumber camps," writes the author, "from the time he was big enough to carry an axe. He worked his way with great determination and sacrifice through high school, Normal college and college, and had lived most of his student days on a diet of salt-herring and oatmeal."

## Tough Physical Equipment

"But his early life on the farm and in the lumber camps had given him the tough physical equipment necessary for a country minister of those days. He could build a house, shoe a horse, put a tire on a wagon wheel, plow a field. He could work all day in a hay field, and at night conduct a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society or the church session with all the freshness of a man just starting his day's work."

A man whose background and personality and equipment were such as these was bound to make a deep impression on the communities he served.

(\*) Dr. E. A. Corbett, one-time cow-hand on the Cochrane ranch west of Calgary, assistant and then director of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, and the creator, in subsequent years, of the Canadian Association for Adult Education.

## A Family Legend

The spirit of fun often enters into descriptions of changes from one charge to another in various parts of the Maritimes, and once to a suburb of Boston, Mass. "It became a legend in our family that every time we moved, the piano fell on Father," Dr. Corbett records.

At St. Andrews, N.B., the church was packed with wealthy and aristocratic Presbyterians from Montreal and New York . . . and the atmosphere was not congenial to the family. The Minister's own life had been "so difficult, that he had nothing in common with people who lived in ease and luxury. He trusted people far too much for his own good, and all his life he was an easy mark for any rogue who wished to take advantage of his generosity. But he didn't trust rich people. Perhaps he was unchristian in this. I believe he felt that if a man had a million dollars he got it by stealing it from the poor and defenceless. He probably would have been suspected of having socialistic sympathies in these days. Actually he was a hard-shell Nova Scotia Liberal."

The temptation to quote stories of the family's adventures, many of them hilarious, is difficult to resist. But to appreciate their savor fully it is necessary to read them in their appropriate setting in the book.

## Shapes Destiny of Family

A lover of fine horses, the father developed a breed "which, to some extent, shaped the destiny of the family for . . . twenty years." He acquired a standard-bred trotting mare "Glen Clay," which was put to stud with a standard-bred stallion "Red Wilkes." As the mare's time drew near, writes Dr. Corbett, "I used to remember her daily before the throne of God during family worship. One morning, about three o'clock, Father awakened me from a deep sleep and whispered, 'Do you want to see Glen's baby?' I was out of bed like a shot and by lantern light I saw for the first time 'Glen Wilkes.' If I had known that for the next seven years I should spend a good deal of my life as valet to that young lady and her offspring, perhaps I shouldn't have been so happy about her arrival."

## Takes up Homestead at 67

At sixty-seven years of age, Dr. Corbett's father took up a Homestead and pre-emption near Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. As there was no teacher to be obtained, he took charge of the school — a return to the profession of his early years. Later he decided to return to the church and spent two years on a mission field in Northern Alberta. His last congregation was at Gibbons, near Edmonton, where on his seventy-fifth birthday Dr. Corbett, paying a visit, found him helping to shingle the roof of the manse.

To the author's mother, to whose memory the book is dedicated, Dr. Corbett pays many tributes. "She was a gay, spirited woman with a mind of her own. People liked my father; many of his friends loved him; but

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everyone loved my mother."

**Father, God Bless Him** will of course be read with relish by Canadians who were brought up in the Maritimes; yet we think it will appeal equally to readers unfamiliar with the historical background of those Provinces by the Atlantic, so rich is it in the color of life a generation ago in Canada. To young Canadians it will bring inspiration and pride in their heritage.

## A Story Still to Come

Dr. Corbett's references to his own life in the West are few, because, he writes, "this is Father's story, and my adventures in Western Canada . . . if worth telling at all, must be told elsewhere."

We hope this is a promise, for Dr. Corbett's wide experience and knowledge of significant aspects of Canadian life should be passed on to his fellow Canadians.

"Father, God Bless Him" is published by the Ryerson Press of Toronto, price \$2.00. Illustrations by Robert Fairfield, B. Arch., M.R.A.I.C., are excellent.

## Argentina—U.S.S.R. Agreement

BUENOS AIRES — Under the terms of a trade agreement between the Argentine republic and the U.S.S.R., the latter agrees to deliver oil and coal to Argentina, industrial equipment, for oil, coal mining and electric power industries, railway equipment, agricultural machines, as well as pig iron, steel in various forms, chemicals, medical supplies, precision instruments. Argentina will deliver to the U.S.S.R. linseed oil and wool, large hides and sheepskins, lard, cheese, canned meat, mutton and pork.

## Spain Must Import Wheat

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Spain will have to import at least 35 million bushels of wheat during the current crop year unless rationing is enforced, states **Foreign Crops and Markets**.

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## Women Co-operators of Many Lands in Conference

By MOLLY JENKINS and IDA DELANEY

OTTAWA — At our August seminar Mrs. Emmy Riedl, Germany, Secretary of the Women's Guild of the Central Union of German Consumers' Societies, outlined the participation of women in the democratic control of the consumers' co-operative movement. "Co-operators," said Mrs. Riedl, "are unanimously convinced that living democracy, i.e. the participation of the largest possible number of members in co-operative affairs, is of vital importance to the continued existence and the further development of genuine co-operation. Women should take a more active part in co-operative life and could infuse real life in the democratic form." Mrs. Riedl made a plea for the more active participation of women in co-operative societies. "Were it possible," she said, "to win the hearts

always tired. After the deep-freeze operation performed by Dr. Bigelow in Toronto she has been able to walk and talk without any feeling of overexertion, and "feels fine". Her sensation under the anaesthesia, she reports, was like getting a chill and then going to sleep.

In our issue of September 18th, we published an article by Mesdames Jenkins and Delaney telling part of the story of a gathering unique in history — the seminar held by women co-operators of eleven countries in Rome under the auspices of UNESCO and the International Co-operative Alliance. Other important features of the gathering are given in this second and concluding article.

and understanding of all women to the consumers' co-operative movement and secure their greater participation, then the way from a powerful organization to a living movement could more easily be found."

### Control of Quality of Goods

The seminar considered ways to promote consumer control of the

## Colonial Co-operatives Nearly Trebled During Britain's Labor Regime

LONDON, England — Co-operative societies in British colonies were nearly trebled in number during the six years of the Labor Government, whose policy it was, to encourage co-operatives as a means of raising living standards and of training for democratic leadership, it was pointed out recently by James Griffiths, who was colonial secretary in the Labor Government.

### British Co-operators Assist

The British co-operative movement assisted by training co-operative administrators. Membership increased in the period from 226,000 to 638,000, and paid-up share capital rose from \$2.7 millions to more than \$9.5 millions.

Nearly half the 5,527 societies are credit union societies, which provide loans for as low as 15 per cent, compared with the 400% or more frequently charged by private money lenders, stated Mr. Griffiths. A great service was being rendered in ridding peasant communities of "one of their worst evils, that of the rapacious money lender who often holds the peasant in his grip for his lifetime."

quality of goods on the national and international levels. The conference studied consumer education with special emphasis on the influence of women on the standard of commodities. Mrs. Bergstrom of Sweden, in reading a paper prepared by Mrs. Groes, Chairman of the Danish Housewives' Consumers' Council, gave a detailed account of what Danish women have done to improve the standard of goods in their country.

### Collaborate With Industry

Through a Consumers' Council which represents labor unions, co-operative societies, Danish Housewives' Societies and Farmers' Unions, consumers have been able to collaborate with industry to establish acceptable standards of quality in some types of products.

Among these are children's clothing, mattresses, tinned and bottled fruits and vegetables. Quality marking, guarantee stamping, standardization were listed as prime requisites for satisfying consumers.

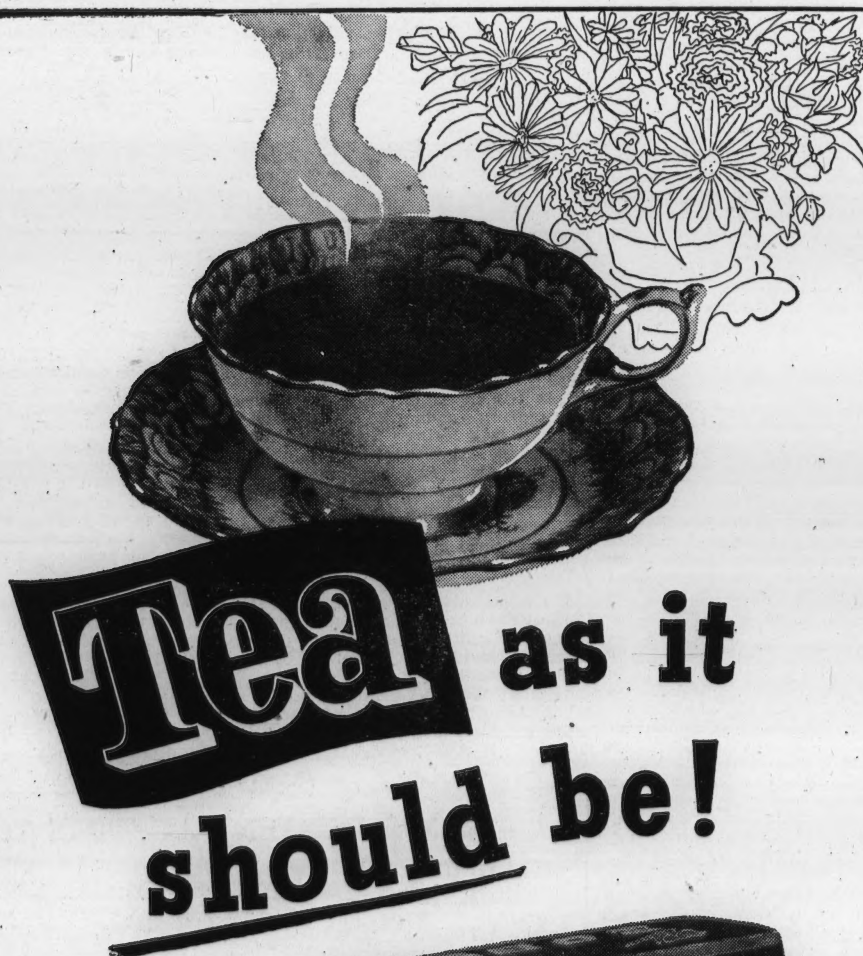
Other required features are the testing of goods before putting them on the open market, date stamping on perishable goods, guiding but not leading advertising and convenient selling hours for housewives working outside the home. The quality of a good label, particularly for clothing, received careful attention. The seminar heard reports on the results that have been achieved by consumers in different countries. It was agreed that it is necessary for consumers to obtain standardization of sizes within countries and equally important to obtain standardization on an international level.

The establishment of consumers' councils was advocated, these to consist of various groups including housewives' unions, co-operative producers, government departments and other agencies. The main problem presented was: How to integrate the findings of a Consumer Council with the work of a co-operative marketing organization.

### Women Co-operators

On August 22, the delegates visited the wholesale and the production plant of the Union des Co-operateurs at Alfortville, where they learned something of the operations of this large co-operative organization and made a tour of the wine-bottling plant. The Union des Co-operateurs is composed of 550 co-operative societies and its establishment at Alfortville is among the world's most modern and well-equipped.

The delegates were entertained at luncheon in the Bois de Boulogne by the Union des Co-operateurs and the



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**Record Award For Injuries**

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Federation Nationale des Co-operatives de Consommation. Following the luncheon, they were taken by their hosts on a sight-seeing tour of Paris which included visits to the city's historic sites.

**Producer and Consumer Co-operators**

A special address was given to the delegates by M. Charles de La Caisse Nationale du Credit Agricole, who described the system of farm credit in France. Mr. Selairies of La Federation Nationale de la Co-operative Agricole spoke in detail on the organization of producer co-operatives. There was animated discussion on the co-ordinating of the activities of producer and consumer co-operatives, this problem apparently being as much to the fore in France as in many other countries.

Miss Das, of UNESCO's office in Paris, addressed the delegates on "UNESCO's Program for Women's Education, with special Reference to the Under-developed Countries."

**Tells Absorbing Story**

Visits to Co-operative warehouses highlighted the second week of the Seminar. In his welcoming address to the visitors at Chateau Thierry, M. Maurice Couracelle, Directeur Commercial of the Union des Co-operateurs de Champagne, gave an absorbing account of the development of that organization since its founding in 1902. Entirely rebuilt since the

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**Interest Widens in Food and Population Problem**

By NORRIS E. DODD, Director General FAO  
in Annual Report

**M**ODERN medicine has been waging anti-germ warfare for some time. It has been highly effective in reducing the death rate from disease, especially among infants and young children. The result is that even where the birth rate remains stationary, population growth has increased in some areas at an unprecedented pace.

No efforts as effective have been made to feed the increasing number of human beings who are being given better health and longer lives by modern doctors and sanitarians.

**Two Views of Situation**

Many sincere people do not believe the world can possibly feed this rapidly growing population.

They argue that the amount of food we can produce from soil and sea is more or less static. We have not reached the limit, but there is not very much room for expansion. If humanity is not to be starved out, therefore, we must cut population growth by deliberately reducing the birth rate as widely and effectively as we are reducing the death rate. The population has to be tailored to fit the food supply rather than the other way round.

Other people believe just as sincerely that the earth's natural resources are sufficient to produce an

adequate food supply for the world's growing population if we make full scientific use of those resources. They also argue that there are bound to be many more discoveries and advances that will help to increase world food production, some perhaps a great deal.

**Like Game of Chess**

There are all shades of opinion in between. In fact, as someone has remarked, the matching of population against land area to prove that there can be, or conversely that there cannot be, enough food for everyone has become something of a game, like chess.

I think it is a good thing that so many responsible people are giving this problem the serious thought and discussion it deserves. One result is to mobilize some of the world's best brains and an increasing amount of effort and resources for its solution.

Directly and indirectly, this should strengthen the work of FAO, the one international agency established by governments specifically to fight hunger.

**Must Do Better**

It is not my purpose to go into the argument here. Whatever may be the theoretical limit of production, whatever may come to be the relation of production to population, one thing is certain — we can and we must do a lot better than we are doing now.

Underneath the current debate — some of which is carried on in a way that generates more heat than light — I think there is general agreement about the urgent need to make the best use of all natural and human resources to provide the necessities of

life for mankind. There is general agreement that it is necessary to maintain total world food production at a high level and to increase it as much as possible in the great deficit areas. Those two sentences sum up the assignment of FAO.

And whether or not the earth can produce enough food for everyone, we can get the most out of its physical and human resources only if we attack production and distribution problems, which are largely economic and social, as vigorously as the doctors combat viruses and bacteria.

**Fact Often Overlooked**

The fact so often overlooked is that it hails the people in the overcrowded, under-developed areas of the world were to die today, there would still not be enough food to provide a decent diet for those that were left. Grant that the ratio of population to resources determines whether people have enough food.

Why is it, then, that the people of the technologically advanced countries are well fed and still have large potentialities for increased production? Because they have great resources of industrial development, advanced farm practices, adequate equipment and materials, favorable economic and social institutions, government services with high standards of excellence, and attitudes of mind characterized by eagerness to learn and willingness to work hard because knowledge and work bring adequate rewards. These are the creative resources of the human spirit, the resources capable of immense expansion. Until they are available to far more of mankind I am not willing to concede that the only solution of the world's present poverty is to accept it as permanent and cramp the human race into its narrow confines.

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#### Earlier Than Vine Varieties

Bush "Cucurbits" — cucumbers, gourds, squash, etc. — have been tried out at Morden, Man., and have been found to be earlier than the vine varieties.

"There is nothing quite like an exchange of opinions for an hour or so to convince one of the superiority of one's own opinions to the quite silly ideas other people so naively broach." — Irwin Edman.

## WORLD CHRONICLE

Oct. 1st. — Anti-Communist war prisoners riot at Panmunjom, in protest against visit of Polish and Czech members of repatriation commission; Indian guards restore order, one prisoner killed. Former premier of Egypt sentenced to death for high treason. Two hundred business leaders in London support demand for more trade with China.

Oct. 2nd. — Two killed by guards in second attempt by Korean war prisoners to break out of camp. Abbott urges U.S. reduce trade barriers, at world trade conference in Virginia. Selwyn Lloyd recalled from UN for conferences with Anthony Eden; British government to make new attempts to break East-West deadlock over Korean peace conference. British Labor conference closes on compromise policy, after calling for stronger state controls over industry.



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Oct. 3rd. — Gen. Mark Clark (U.S.) refuses Indian suggestion of extending time for repatriation Korean war prisoners. At UN, Indian delegation supports Chinese demands for round table Korean Conference. Malan introduces legislation to set up "court of constitutional appeal", which would, it is expected, approve laws disfranchising colored citizens. In West Berlin, immense crowds pay last respects at funeral of former mayor Reuter.

Oct. 4th. — South Korea charges Indian troops with "pro-Communist"

### B.C. Farmer Finds New Use for Snow Fence — Builds 17 ft. Silo

LANGLEY PRAIRIE, B.C. — Snow fencing and water-proof paper have been put to still another use by a B.C. dairy farmer, C. Phillips of Langley Prairie, who has used these materials to construct a silo 17 feet high and 12 feet in diameter. It contains nearly 30 tons of fodder.

behavior, threatens to drive them out of country. Formal charges brought against Mossadegh, in Tehran.

Oct. 5th. — Nkrumah, leader of people's party, demands promise of independence for Gold Coast colony. Effective Nov. 15th, transport board orders 5 per cent freight rate reduction in Western Canada; and increases up to 10 per cent in Ontario and Quebec; C.P.R. may appeal reduction. More exchanges of radio and television programs between BBC and CBC is subject of conference in Ottawa. World can't afford "luxury of hatred" says St. Laurent.

Oct. 6th. — Heads of new British Guiana government deny charges Communist coup d'etat planned; London rushes warships, troops, to scene. Against protests of General Mark Clark, Indian General Thimayya says prisoners will probably be asked to listen to Chinese "explanation teams" for short periods. London reports plan to offer Russia mutual security pact being discussed with U.S. and other countries. Anthony Eden returns to job of foreign secretary after six-month illness. General Clark criticizes Indian repatriation heads; says thousands of prisoners had minds made up "months ago" not to go home. French state paratroopers raid Vietnam supply base. Police and troops ordered to remove 20,000 natives from Nairobi (Kenya). At GATT session, in Geneva, U.S. bars against dairy imports protested by six western countries. Supreme Court of Canada rules Jehovah's Witnesses may distribute literature in Quebec or other Provinces.

Oct. 7th. — Thimayya says UN and Communist troops must both give aid to Indians in event of attack from South Korea. Nehru warns U.S. and Britain Rhee must be curbed if renewal of war in Korea to be prevented. In Georgetown, British Guiana, political leaders say no disorders; appeal to people to remain "calm, quiet and firm." Paris reports France is behind suggestion Churchill to fly to Moscow for talks with Malenkov.

Oct. 8th. — Britain, U.S. announce troops will be withdrawn from Trieste city zones, and city turned over to Italy; Yugoslav crowds demonstrate against decision. Eisenhower says Russia now has power to make atomic attacks. Australia announces decision to ratify International Wheat Agreement. At Canada-U.S. joint industrial mobilization committee meeting in Washington, Howe urges speeding up of St. Lawrence Seaway. Canada will increase aid to UN. Eisenhower to make state visit to Ottawa in November, St. Laurent announces. Despatch from Paris suggests French favor Big Five meeting; but London reports Britain will oppose inclusion of China at this time. Ottawa will assist in flood prevention program in Manitoba; schemes announced to cost \$12 to \$82 millions.

Oct. 9th. — Britain suspends constitution of British Guiana, removes recently elected leaders from office. Tito calls emergency cabinet meeting on Trieste. Adenauer elected chancellor by West German deputies. At Panmunjom, plans worked out for speedy completion of quarters for interviewing prisoners. Rhee fires 24 officials, said rivals or supporters of rivals.

Oct. 10th. — Churchill has "sure hope" third world war can be pre-

### Famous Statesman Is Very Gravely Ill



Famous as U.S. Secretary of State during the "Franklin Roosevelt era", Cordell Hull, above, is reported gravely ill and unlikely to recover. During his term of office Hull dedicated himself to the cause of freer world trade. When World War Two threatened he carried out important missions for Roosevelt, and he played an important role during the war.

vented, by East-West non-aggression agreement if supported by U.S. Tito sends reinforcements to troops in Yugoslav zone of Trieste. U.S. marines in Korea prepare to prevent any attack on Indians by South Korean troops. Peiping radio proposes that Allies and Communists send delegations to Panmunjom to plan Korean political conference. British Guiana quiet; U.S. State department expresses approval of British action. British airliner makes new record of 40 hours, 43 minutes, in London to New Zealand flight, (12,700 miles). Washington committee reveals McCarthy's investigators Cohn and Schine while in Europe drew \$74 each per day for living allowance, from Government funds.

Oct. 11th. — British millers have turned down Russian offer of wheat, says E. W. Povey, British mill engineer, in Winnipeg; have been getting some supplies from Denmark and France, purchases in Canada largely matter of price. Anti-British campaign of non-co-operation reported launched in British Guiana. U.S. food distributed in West Berlin over; 5.5 million parcels given away in ten weeks.

Oct. 12th. — Yugoslavia calls for talks with Britain, U.S. and Italy on Trieste issue. Moscow charges Anglo-American move violates Italian peace treaty by which UN council was to have selected governor for free territory of Trieste. Duke of Edinburgh will visit this country for British Empire Games in Vancouver next summer, and will tour northern Canada. Britain agrees to take another 700 displaced persons from Europe. Greece gives U.S. permission to use air and naval bases.

Oct. 13th. — Dulles and Bidault accept British invitation to confer with Eden in London, over next week-end. New Delhi reports India will send four-man commission to study Canadian co-operatives. Anglo-Iranian Oil Company announces purchase of \$5,000,000 interest in Triad Oil (Canada).

Oct. 14th. — Churchill proposes military and economic alliance of Britain, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand; Japan, U.S., to be asked to join later.

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## THE LOWERING OF TARIFFS

Several speakers at the recent Annual Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce held in Edmonton, expressed the opinion that the interests of agriculture, and particularly the export wheat and flour industry, required that tariffs against foreign goods should be lowered. Now that interests seem to be awakened, farmers and their organizations might do well to press this view on Provincial and Dominion Governments.

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## Improvement of Cattle Breeds in France

By J. G. FEVRIER

**C**ATTLE is by far the most important form of livestock in France. While in sheep there has been a marked improvement in quality during recent years, they have for almost a century shown a considerable deterioration as regards quantity, chiefly owing to the fact that improvements in farming methods are continually reducing the acres of fallow and pasture land and that it is becoming more and more difficult to find shepherds. As regards horse-breeding, that is also on the decline on account of increased motorization.

### Importance as Meat Grows

On the other hand, while the ox is being used less frequently as a draught animal, its importance is growing as a meat-producing animal owing to the rise in the standard of living. As regards milch cows, milk either as such or in the form of butter or cheese is assuming an ever greater place in French diet. The development of foreign tourist traffic has also tended to increase the demand for meat and dairy produce.

### Sixteen Million Head

The cattle herd now amounts to some sixteen million head in France. Milch cows account for about half; the remainder comprises young animals, draught animals, bulls and cattle reared for fattening or too old for working.

### Six Main Breeds

While about thirty breeds of cattle exist in France, the greater part of stock is formed of six main breeds and their interbreeding. For meat production there are the Charelais and the Limousin breeds, and for milk production the Norman, red piebald (pie rouge), black piebald (pie noire) and Dutch breeds.

The Charelais breed accounts for some 1,400,000 head and the Limousin breed for 685,000 head. The Norman has reached 3 million head and the Eastern red piebald breed one million. In 1949 total milk production amounted to 130 hectolitres for 7,800,000 head, that is to say an annual yield of 1,730 litres per cow.

### Meet Diverse Conditions

What effort is being made to improve these breeds? One should be quite clear in the first place as to what is meant by the word, 'improvement'. At first sight it would seem advisable to retain the breeds producing most meat or milk. But in a country as diverse as France one is obliged to take local conditions into account: terrain, feeding stuffs and height, which often come down in favor of hardy, resistant breeds more adaptable to environment.

Great work has been done, nevertheless, in that direction. Then, without any given breed, a selection must be made and those individuals retained which possess the qualities of the breed to the highest degree.

The Ministry of Agriculture is subsidizing associations that keep herd

*M. Fevrier is a well-known French economist and authority on agricultural matters. His article was made available to us by Service D'Information Francais, in Ottawa.*

books. These books contain on the one hand a list of animals conforming to the standards of the breed, but of unknown ancestry, and on the other animals with an ancestry inscribed in herd books, providing, of course, that they themselves conform to the standard. The "book is closed" after a few generations, that is to say registration is made only of the offspring of animals already inscribed. Since 1947 account has been taken not only of the physical characteristics of the individual but of its capacity, for example, in the case of a cow, of its milk yield.

### Milk Inspection System

From this last point of view a milk inspection system has been set up. This consists in determining as accurately as possible the milk production of a cow during the whole period of lactation, as well as the amount of butter that can be made from this milk. Only with a system of this kind can any rational and effective selection of dairy cattle be made.

It has long been recognized that in cattle breeds the bull plays a preponderant part in the transmission of qualities. In particular, milk-producing qualities are handed down by the male rather than by the female. Furthermore the bull transmits its qualities to many more offspring than the cow. That explains why breeding syndicates have been instituted for the purpose of maintaining, with expenses shared, a pedigree sire. That accounts too for the Act dated September 16th, 1943, subjecting the utilization of bulls to an authorization delivered by a Vigilance Commission. This is to prevent any formation of half-breed herds issuing from males devoid of useful qualities.

### Artificial Insemination

Artificial insemination is of the greatest interest with regard to cattle because, as we have already pointed out, good features are transmitted predominantly by the male. In addition, considerably more offspring can be obtained from a good sire. It is hardly necessary to add that official control is particularly important in this field. Therefore the Acts of May 15th, 1946, and March 27th, 1948, have set up the constitution and organization of artificial insemination centres.

Cattle shows, which are extremely popular in France, have changed considerably during recent years. Formerly the conformation of the animal only was regarded. In the future, its capacities will also be taken into account. This new method of discrimination has already been applied to dairy cattle—at the general agricultural show in 1951.

### Reducing Number of Breeds

There remains the great problem of reducing the number of cattle breeds. We have already indicated

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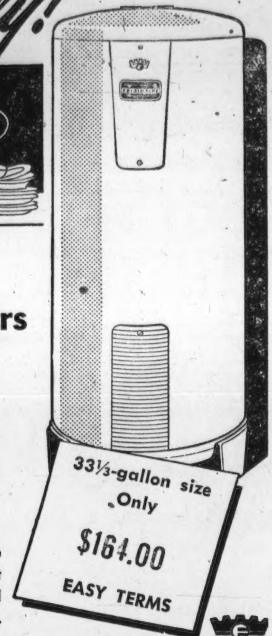


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TORONTO, Ont. — Judges of spring wheat, oats and rye, at the forthcoming Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, will be Dr. H. L. Shands, of Madison, Wisconsin, and R. T. Ross, of Calgary; winter wheat, barley and flax will probably be judged by Dr. D. N. Huntley, Guelph, Ont., and Dr. D. G. Hamilton, Ottawa.

### Bread Grains Record Total

WASHINGTON — This year's world bread grain crop will reach the near-record figure of 255 million tons (wheat and rye) according to estimates of the Foreign Agricultural Service. This compares with last year's record total of 264 million tons.

Up to mid-September, 15,000 mineral claims had been staked in Saskatchewan this year.

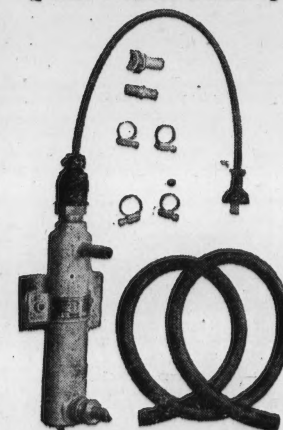
That caution will have to be exercised in this process. In actual fact, it is not only a question of eliminating some inferior breeds, but also — and perhaps most of all — of fighting against the spread of half-breeds.

It will be impossible, of course, to prohibit the raising of certain breeds and their half-breeds; but there is a tendency towards the cutting of all state aid to their breeders. Thus, as regards breeds put as it were on the index, the Ministry of Agriculture has decided to hold no special shows for them, to stop subsidizing associations keeping herd-books for these breeds, and to prohibit artificial insemination in the case of bulls belonging to these breeds.

The results of this policy cannot be known for some time. But those already obtained, in metropolitan France and in overseas territories, with a view to improving the quality of sheep, encourage one to hope that the same will be true for cattle, which have a far more important place in French economy.

A moderate upward trend is shown in U.K. sheep numbers. The total of about 22 million head (as in June, 1953) is still below the 26.9 millions of June, 1939.

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**SPEAKS ON WORLD CONFERENCE**

Park Grove F.W.U.A. realized \$11 from articles exhibited at the Vegreville exhibition under the Local's name, writes Mrs. Wm. Ziegler. Mrs. S. Sanford, of Lavoy, spoke on the inter-provincial conference, which she had attended; Mrs. J. Zeigler read the health bulletin, and Red Cross Sewing was distributed.

**FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS**

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

**ON BEING A HOSPITAL PATIENT**

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

By the time most of you farm women have reached my years, you may have had occasion to be hospital patients—perhaps more than once—or it may be “impatience” is what our doctors and nurses thought would be a more suitable term.

Or possibly, especially in the earlier days, being a hospital patient may have sounded a much-to-be envied position. But the trails of those days, even with the best driving team available, called for too great an expenditure of time, and the financial expenditure involved made the thought something that could not be entertained in many instances.

**Memories Happy or Harrowing**

Perhaps some visits have left very happy memories. Indeed they may have left with us one of the gifts which is invaluable—an addition to the family. Other visits may have tended to leave a more harrowing memory of pain and suffering, but fortunately the keenness of the memory is dulled.

In any case, however, we cannot leave without a thought of the debt society owes to those who through the years have studied and investigated, and to those who carry on working to ease the sickness and suffering of their fellows.

Some things seem to be brought home to us with emphasis, and one of these is the value of a bright cheery greeting. Oh, of course there come times when a face wreathed in smiles and a voice to gladden the heart seem almost valueless.

But I am talking of the average time and person in a hospital and out. Some people may be indifferent, but it is worth expending the effort in the family and in the daily intercourse we may have with friends and neighbors, if but one person feels the

better for it. If to do, this were made a more general custom, would not a greater warmth and feeling of good will be generated?

This was further emphasized to me tonight in a letter telling me of the death of a farmer-friend in an accident. I suppose if a list were compiled of those who had “made good” in our little country district his name would take a very average place. But the tribute paid by his neighbors was to me one that, for anyone, anyplace, rich or poor, young or old, might well be considered a tribute — “A great deal of cheer has gone out of life”.

**May Add Immeasurably to Life**

Even a superficial smile can sometimes add for the moment; but the one who can give the cheery greeting from a well of kindness adds immeasurably to life.

Of course sometimes appearances are deceptive. I often meet a retired clergyman with a grave, almost stern look — and many feel he is just that; but he knows I like to laugh over a joke and never disappoints me. His last was to tell of the Scottish minister who was terribly “down” on drink. At the end of a strong denouncement, he emphatically stated. “If I had my way, all the whiskey, all the rum, all those would be pitched in the river. Then, after one moment's pause: “Shall we close by singing No. 808 ‘Let us Gather at the River.’”

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

**FARM HOME & GARDEN**

**Butterscotch Apple Pie:** Sprinkle  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup brown sugar over the bottom of uncooked deep pie shell. Peel 6 to 8 apples, slice thinly, and fill pie shell. Cream 3 lbs. brown sugar with 2 lbs. butter and 3 lbs. flour, and crumble over apples; pour 1 cup milk over all and bake in hot oven until top is brown and apples are tender.

**Freezing Foods:** is the title of a new publication by the Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. It tells what to freeze and how to prepare it, and gives other suggestions for making the most of your freezer.

**Rose Geranium Jelly:** Prepare crab-apple juice and add sugar, cup for cup; cook rapidly to jelly stage; remove from heat; when it stops bubbling, skim; place a rose geranium leaf in the bottom of each clean, hot glass, and pour a little jelly over; let stand one minute before filling glasses.

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**Green Tomato Sandwich Spread:** Put through food chopper, using coarse knife, 1 quart green tomatoes, 1 large onion, and 3 each green peppers and sweet red peppers. Sprinkle with salt, let stand 1 hour, and drain thoroughly. Add 1 cup water and cook until just tender, and add 1 cup minced sweet pickle. Make a paste of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar, 7 tbs. flour, 2 tsp. dry mustard and 1 cup vinegar; gradually add 2 cups sour cream and 3 well beaten eggs. Cook over hot water until thick; blend with hot vegetable mixture, pour into hot sterilized jars and seal.

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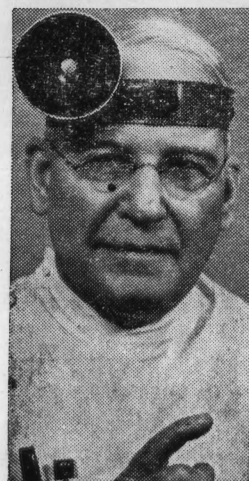
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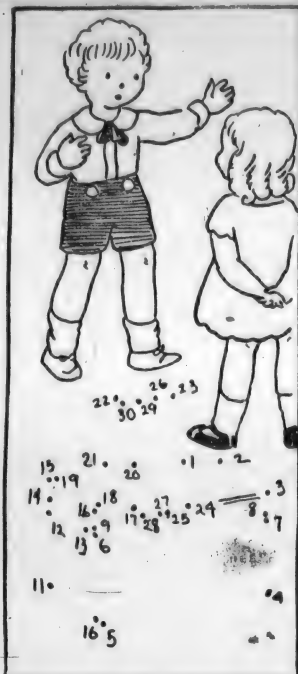
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## Little Folks' Puzzle



Sammy is describing something, he is showing his sister how big it is. "It is to be used when we go on picnics," said Sammy. If you join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty you will have the picture of this nice article. Try your crayons on this picture.

## News of Women's Locals

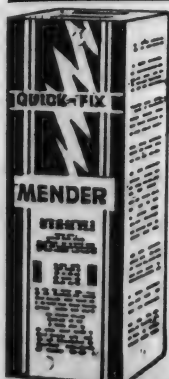
Representing profits from a bake sale, \$45 was turned over to the Brooks rest room, by Brooks F.W.U.A.

Mrs. Knowlton, of Standard, gave Gleichen F.W.U.A. an interesting talk on her trip to the Coronation. writes Mrs. Sammons, the secretary. Mrs. Umbrite was hostess to the meeting.

South Berry Creek F.W.U.A. (Cessford) decided at a recent meeting to take up leathercraft, writes Mrs. Williams. Committees were named, and a date set, for the annual bazaar.

Presentation of cups and saucers to two recent brides was a pleasant feature of a recent meeting of Fort Saskatchewan F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. G. Underwood, the secretary. Mrs. J. Armstrong was hostess.

A particularly fine meeting was en-



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## Will Open New Red Cross Transfusion Depot, Monday

Modern Building Just Completed Will Meet Long Felt Need in South

Special to The Western Farm Leader  
**T**HE new \$165,000 Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service sub-depot in Calgary, recently erected by the Provincial Government, will be opened officially on Monday next, October 19th.

Situated directly behind Calgary's Red Cross House, the new and modern building answers a long-felt need for adequate facilities for the Blood Transfusion Service. Government and Red Cross Co-operate

Under an agreement between the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Government of Alberta, the latter provides and maintains the depots, while they are staffed and technically equipped by Red Cross. Prior to the building of the new depot, all work was done in temporary army huts at Red Cross House.

Since Red Cross started its Blood Transfusion Service in Southern Alberta on September 22th, 1947, with the area including the East Kootenays of B.C., a total of 101,141 bottles of blood have been collected. Up to the end of August, 1952, 39,346 patients had received 61,331½ donations of whole blood while 2,445 patients received 4,249 units of plasma. Up to six bottles of whole blood are required for one unit of plasma.

## No Charge for Service

All blood and plasma is administered with no charge to the patients, as is another service given free of charge by the Blood Transfusion Service, that of testing for the Rh factor in expectant mothers. Since the inception of the service in Southern Alberta, 89,210 Rh typing investigations have been totalled.

With this free Blood Transfusion Service, it is estimated that the people in the area served by the Calgary sub-depot have received a minimum of \$1,357,562.50 with whole blood valued at \$15 a bottle; plasma at \$40 a unit and Rh investigations at \$3 each.

The new Southern Alberta sub-depot, with greater facilities of all types, will be of great help in furthering this Red Cross program.

joyed by Black Diamond F.W.U.A. recently, at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Gervais. A showing of colored slides by the hostess was an interesting feature.

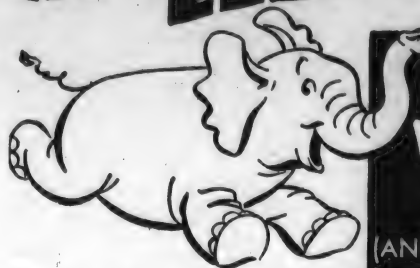
Heath F.W.U.A. recently arranged a home cooking and fancy work sale, to be held at the Co-op Store, Wainwright, on Saturday, October 17th. At the same meeting, Mrs. W. C. Taylor spoke on the A.C.W.W. convention.

Roll call was answered by giving hints on meal planning, at a recent meeting of Eclipse F.W.U.A. (Joffre). Reports on the lunch served at a wedding dance showed that the Local had benefitted by \$50.97, writes Mrs. J. Duffy.

Mrs. Phillip Austin, recording secretary of Ranfurly F.W.U.A., writes that the \$25 award presented by the Local to the Grade Nine student securing highest standing in Ranfurly junior high school was won by Mitchel Thachuk.

Square dances during the winter months will be sponsored again this year by One Tree F.W.U.A. (Brooks) writes Mrs. H. Houseman. A lively

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discussion followed reading of the bulletin on cultural activities at the last meeting.

Resolutions for the annual convention was discussed at a recent meeting of Delia F.W.U.A., writes, Mrs. Felix Battle, secretary, and final arrangements were made for the Hallows'en Masquerade Dance to be held October 30th.

Evergreen F.W.U.A. is joining with the men's Local in sponsoring an amateur night and dance, at Evergreen on October 23rd, writes Mrs. Hrdlicka. The Local at the last meeting ordered material to be made up into articles for a fall bazaar.

In commemoration of the Coronation, Stapledene F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster) is giving books to the value of \$10 to the Westdene library, writes Mrs. J. Moore. A flower show was the occasion for a lovely display of blooms from the members' gardens.

A sale of home cooking and a bazaar, as well as a chicken supper, were planned at a recent meeting of Edwell F.W.U.A. (Penhold). Mrs. R. E. Darling, the secretary, writes that it was decided to make a donation to the Old Folks' Home in Red Deer, and also to send \$10 to the Arthritic society.

A letter of thanks from a Korean orphanage, for a CARE parcel, was read at the last meeting of Pollockville F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. M. H. Keyte. Initiating the C.N.I.B. campaign, for which the Local is responsible in the district, a donation of \$5 was voted; and Mrs. Harrington gave a brief but interesting talk on cultural activities.

A gift was presented by Conrich F.W.U.A., at their September meeting, to the guest of honor, Mrs. David Belyea, an old timer who has just moved into the city. Mrs. Merle Summers read the bulletin on cultural

activities, and plans were made for a dance to follow the chicken supper on November 13th, at Chestermere. Mrs. Carman Ellis was hostess to the Local, at her beautiful Calgary home, writes the president, Mrs. J. A. Tanner.

"There is nothing quite like the intellectual condescension of one generation toward the ideas of the generation just preceding it." — Irwin Edman.

## Survey Brings Surprise

BOMBAY, India—A survey has been made by a section of the government's planning commission into the attitude of Indian villagers towards the idea of family planning. It revealed, to quote a journalist's summary, that now for the first time, "villagers who still look on children as on a divine gift do not consider that a shower of such gifts is at all desirable . . . Every Indian woman wants a large family, on the English standards of 1953, but not a large family on the English standards of 1870."

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EDMONTON — In the first six months after it was passed, the Rural Electrification Revolving Fund Act had made possible the financing of lines valued at over \$5 millions, states the Co-operative Activities Branch; in this period 4,657 additional farms have been serviced with electric power. On behalf of their 15,347 members, it is stated, 192 associations have received the guarantee of the Province on their borrowings of \$6,372,306.

### The Wheat Situation

By L. D. NESBITT  
Superintendent of Publicity  
Alberta Wheat Pool

Production of wheat, oats and barley in the prairie provinces this year is estimated at 1,099,000,000 bushels. The wheat is placed at 564 million bushels, oats 273 million and barley 262 million.

To the huge 1953 crop must be added the carryover from last year. That included 362,747 bushels of wheat, 136,464,000 bushels of oats and 106,424,000 bushels of barley. It might well be possible that farmers could deliver some 950 million bushels of wheat, oats and barley if elevator space was available.

This crop year started out with the country elevators pretty well plugged. The delivery quota allotted to farmers was 3 bushels per seeded and summer fallowed acre. In many instances space is not available for even that meager volume of grain.

On October 1st the board of grain commissioners reported quantities of grain in store in western Canada and country and terminal elevators at 321,081,654 bushels. The following table gives the location of this grain. The second column gives the quantity of wheat in store.

Country Elevators	Wheat, Oats & Barley	Wheat Alone
Interior	222,542,676	164,471,315
Terminals & Mills	23,397,151	19,346,600
Pacific Coast		
Terminals	13,128,624	10,808,533
Churchill	1,566,125	1,561,158
Fort William-Port Arthur	60,447,078	27,363,449
	321,081,654	223,551,055

It would appear inevitable that farm deliveries will proceed at a slow pace during the 1953-54 crop year. It is also likely that elevator space will be at a premium even when the crop year ends.

## Canada's Champion Plowman for 1953



Champion plowmen from all parts of the world gathered at Cobourg, Ontario, for the four-day plowing matches held this month. Above, with his young son, is seen Robert Timbers, 26-year-old farmer of Stouffville, Ontario, who secured the Canadian championship. The world championship went to another Canadian, James Eccles, dairy farmer of Brampton, Ontario, who was runner-up in the Canadian event.

### Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Oct. 14th — Hogs sold yesterday \$30.50 to \$31, sows liveweight \$17.75; good lambs \$18.50 to \$18.75. Good to near choice butcher steers were \$16 to \$17.50, down to \$10 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$14.50 to \$16, down to \$10 for common; good cows \$9 to \$9.50. Good stocker and feeder steers were \$15 to \$16.50, down to \$10 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Oct. 13th — Last week's cattle auction closed 50 cents to \$1 below that of the previous week. Odd strictly choice steers brought \$19 medium to good \$14 to \$17.50; choice heifers sold \$16.50 to \$17.50, down to \$10 for common; good cows were \$8.75 to \$9.50, down to \$6.50 for common; canners and cutters \$4.50 to \$6. Hogs closed at \$30.75, good spring lambs \$17.50 to \$18.50.

### CO-OP. WOMEN'S SEMINAR

(Continued from Page 7)  
war, when the main warehouse was destroyed as a result of enemy action, the new buildings are designed for maximum efficiency combined with beauty in the surroundings. Flower beds will surround the buildings and a mosaic by a contemporary French artist depicting the spirit of co-operation is the main feature in the entrance hall.

A sight-seeing trip in Compiegne was arranged by M. Poirier of the Compiegne branch of the Union des Co-operateurs de Paris. This included a visit to the coach where the 1918 armistice was signed. Some interesting hours were spent in the Royal Palace at Compiegne, with its wealth of beautiful furnishings dating from the time of Napoleon I.

At the closing sessions of the Seminar, the report of the proceedings was presented and discussed. Some of the conclusions reached by the delegates were that "the Co-operative Movement is a sector of a social order which has greatly changed during their lifetime and which, in their opinion, has need of further change, especially as regards recognition of the part which women can play in society."

### Stress Need for Education

After discussing the problems of the Co-operative Movement from various angles, "the Seminar came always to

### The Dairy Market

Locally, special cream is bringing producers 63 cents. No. 1 is 61, No. 2 is 52, and off-grade 46. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 63.

### Egg and Poultry Market

Grade A large, to producers, are 62 cents locally; medium 57, small 40; B's are 39 C's 28 and peewees 20. Dressed chicken, under 3 lbs. are: A, 38-40; B, 28-33; C, 18-22; under 4 lbs., A, 33-35; B 25-29; C, 15-19; 4-5 lbs., are 35 down to 19; over 5, 38 down to 21. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., are 23 down to 11, 4-5 lbs., 26 down to 14; and over 5 lbs., 28 down to 16.

the opinion that the solution was to be found through education; that there is a most urgent need for educational reform in every National Co-operative Movement, also internationally. The means by which (co-operative) education can be realized and directed are numerous and will, naturally, be selected according to the needs, also the traditions of different countries.

"Existing forms of co-operative education were all regarded as excellent; but in no country, the Seminar thought, was the need being adequately met; everywhere there was a need for change or expansion, for a serious examination of the whole problem; for more intensive educational work which would assure the intelligent participation in the life of the Co-operative Movement of ALL its forces, amongst which the force of the women is vitally important."

Throughout every discussion, the importance of the women's own Organizations was stressed, whether they take the form of guilds, groups or committees; and one of the most interesting sessions was the one devoted to reports on the existing Women's Organizations.

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At the closing session, the participation (Continued on Page 13)

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## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

**Crop Insurance to be Studied** — J. Ray Maberry of Great Falls, Montana, will be guest speaker at the A.F.A. annual meeting to be held at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, on December 15th, 16th and 17th. His subject will be "All-risk Crop Insurance as Practised in U.S."

The subject of crop insurance is receiving considerable thought and study in the prairie provinces at the present time. The Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, and the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, have committees at work gathering statistical information. The A.F.A. Board of Directors, at a recent meeting, instructed the office to set up a committee to make further studies in Alberta.

L. E. Pharis of Magrath was appointed to chair this committee. He will be assisted by Newton Gilbert of Drumheller and Rulon Dahl of Raymond. This committee expects to meet some time this month.

The F.U.A. Executive is giving this subject some thought as well. "Grain Crop Insurance For the Prairies" will be the discussion topic on the National Farm Radio Forum program on November 23rd.

By way of an experiment, the National Farm Forum program will be broken down into regional broadcasts for this one night. The prairie farm forum committees have agreed that a discussion of crop insurance would be an ideal subject for this occasion. Provincial Farm Forum committee representatives met at Saskatoon on Saturday, October 3rd, to work out the details. A pamphlet giving concise information is being printed for distribution.

The November 23rd broadcast should be very helpful in providing basic information to our farm listening audience. Copies of the printed material can be secured by writing the Alberta Farm Forum office, 110 Clarke Building, Edmonton.

**Farm Radio Forum Starts Shortly** — "Monday Night Is Farm Forum night" is a slogan which has been in use for many years. This is true in a large number of areas. In districts where active Forum groups are in operation, Farm Forum on Monday nights is a MUST and is looked forward to with interest and appreciation. There are many other districts where Farm Forum has not been organized and farmers do not realize or appreciate

pants in the Seminar expressed very sincere thanks to UNESCO for having offered to the International Co-operative Alliance facilities for such a Seminar, also to the International Co-operative Alliance for having accepted the invitation of UNESCO, thus giving women co-operators for the first time the possibility of coming together on an international basis to study together problems of such importance to them.

A presentation was made by the participants to Miss Polley, General Secretary of the I. C. A., as a mark of their esteem and a token of appreciation for the part she had played as organizer and principal of the Seminar.

## Wins Music Scholarship

Helen Schroter, of Bremner, Alberta, (right) was one of eighty young musicians from all parts of Canada to win scholarships awarded by the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. Miss Schroter's was a \$200 scholarship for organ study.



just what this program can do for them in the way of neighborhood sociability and study of important farm problems.

The program leads off on November 2nd with the topic "The District Agriculturist and the Farmer." Be sure and listen.

**Farm Forum Workshop** — Farm Forums in Alberta are trying a new venture this fall. A Workshop has been arranged and will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts on October 30th and 31st.

The program arranged will include some interesting talks on rural community problems but most of the time will be spent with Farm Forum, topics and group discussion. All Farm Forum groups are urged to have some of their members attend.

## Fields Affected by Head Blight Should Not Be Used For Seed Is Advice

Head blight, which has affected grain crops, especially barley, in many parts of Western Canada this year, is chiefly caused by fungi, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service. Many of these fungi live in the soil and grow on all kinds of dead and decaying vegetable matter; during the summer, their spores or seeds are scattered by wind and rain, and come in contact with grain heads, causing them to blacken. Such heads will be found to be empty, or only partly filled. The blackening, however, Dr. Greaney writes, is an indication that the plants have been affected, probably for a considerable time, by some other trouble, such as root rot or leaf blight, since it is heads that have ripened prematurely, or are small and poorly filled, which become badly discolored. He suggests that grain from fields showing severe head blight damage should not be used for seed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### GOOSE AND GANDER

Editor, Western Farm Leader,  
Dear Sir:

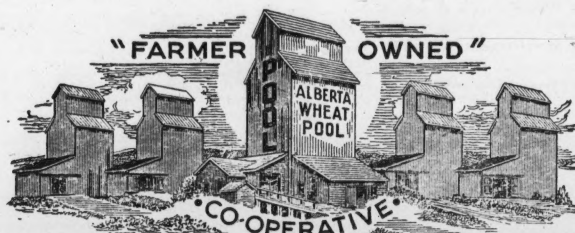
The announced decision of the Conservation Board in your province, limiting the October oil-flow to 209,449 barrels daily—i.e., 64,822 barrels a day down from September's allowable—reminded this rural Canadian of the following colorful word-picture last summer, on this same technique (credited to M. W. Thatcher, St. Paul, Minn.) which, he said, marks-off urban business from rural operations: "The flow of oil out of the ground is governed by law, so they won't have surpluses. That's regimentation. It's good business. But if you attempt to control the amount of corn or wheat that's raised, so you won't have a big surplus to hurt the price, oh, gosh, you've lost your 'freedom'—you're in bad shape."

It seems to me that this statement is right on the target, and that, if

## A REMARKABLE SYSTEM

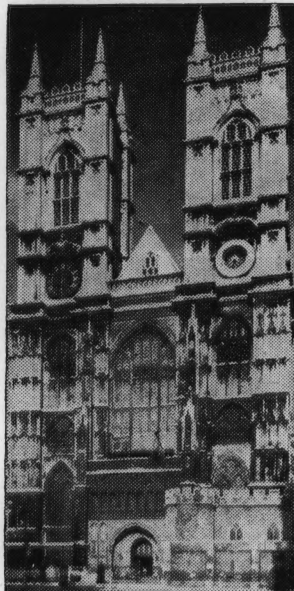
It touches no man's fortune, seeks no plunder; enters into no secret association; it contemplates no violence; it subverts no order, envies no dignity; it accepts no gift . . . nor asks any favor; it keeps no terms with the idle, and it will break no faith with the industrious. It is neither mendicant, servile, nor offensive; it has its hands in no man's pocket and does not mean that any other hands shall remain long or comfortable in its own. It means self-help, self-dependence, and such share of the common competence as labor shall earn or thought can win.

What is this instrument thus loftily described? This remarkable system is the co-operative movement; the description is by G. J. Holyoake, one of its earliest and ablest historians.



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## Abbey Crumbling



Britain's nine-month-long "save Westminster Abbey" appeal (target \$3,000,000) has taken on new urgency as a surveyor's report showed the ancient edifice in need of \$12,000 worth of immediate repairs. Under the corrosive influence of London's smoke-polluted air, the great stone walls of the 700-year-old building, seen above, are being eaten away, masonry and stone-work are crumbling and the fine carvings are fast being erased.

one may say so, "what is good for the urban gander should be good for the rural goose?"

W. P. Davison

Toronto, Ont.

## Sales Record High

OTTAWA, Ont. — Sales of new farm equipment and machinery in Canada last year reached a record high of \$250,277,000, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This was 6 per cent above the previous high in 1951.

## Will Be World's Finest

LONDON, Eng. — New construction, at a cost of some \$1,880 millions, will make London Airport the finest in the world, according to the U.K. Minister of Civil Aviation.

## Pilot's Name Misspelled

The British ace test pilot who broke the world's speed record recently was Squadron Leader Duke. (The name was wrongly spelled in a recent issue.

Population of Canada was estimated at 14,781,000 on June 1st last, announces the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Readers of this column will be glad  
 to hear that our old friend and valued  
 contributor, Volodimir Barabash, after  
 months in hospital following an acci-  
 dent in which he sustained a broken  
 hip, is now on his feet again, so to  
 speak, but he still has a long way  
 to go before he will be back to his  
 old time physical activity. Here's  
 wishing him all the best on behalf of  
 The Western Farm Leader and all our  
 readers.

Being a poet it's just natural that  
 Wally, while in hospital, should keep  
 his weather eye on the pretty nurses,  
 so it's not surprising that he shot the  
 following at us the first time he made  
 his appearance out on our one-time  
 chicken rawnch:

### THE GIRLS ON THIRD FLOOR EAST

(Calgary General Hospital)

We are the girls of the third floor  
 East,

Who try to do our share  
 Of looking after the men at least,  
 With tender loving care,

We do our best when duty calls,  
 And we enjoy such fun  
 As brightly springs and lightly  
 falls

Upon time's measured run,

We don't admit our human  
 "spells,"

And strive to rise above;  
 We honor highly the three L's:  
 Of Life and Light and Love.

And so, dear friends, we hope our  
 life,

Is not all lived in vain,  
 And that along the path of strife,  
 We ease some pangs of pain.  
 — Volodimir Barabash.

Speaking personally, Wally, Old  
 Top, we found the gals on the ground  
 floor pretty swell persons too.

### MORE HOSPITAL THOUGHTS FROM WALLY

"To be" is greater than "To do."  
 And yet for man the doing must pre-  
 cece the being. Before you can be  
 good you must do good.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Misery loves company but no  
 company loves misery.

We accept ourselves just as we are.  
 Then why can't we be as fair to  
 others and accept them also as they  
 are?

Youth's greatest shortcoming is  
 its lack of patience. It wants to reap  
 the good things of life without sow-  
 ing and in its greed would pull up  
 everything by the roots. But then  
 patience, like wisdom, comes from ex-  
 perience and is the product of time.

### BRIGHT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It's easy to advise others — harder  
 to advise ourselves — hardest of all  
 to live wisely.

— V. B.

And now we'd better get off a little  
 of our own cock-eyed wisdom before  
 the boss asks what I'm paying you  
 for?

Wally, our incurable bach, says  
 there isn't any mystery about women  
 anymore. Nope, sez he, now we  
 KINSEY through them.

### NOT AT ZERO HOUR!

A radical set of Doukhobors,  
 according to news dispatches, is  
 doing what it can to make sure  
 that "There'll Be a Hot Time in  
 the Old Town Tonight."

Cynical Gus says there are a lot  
 of women who need to see a gown on  
 another woman to appreciate how  
 stunning it is.

### SING THIS ONE

Mary of Carbon declares, "Too  
 many bright and gaudy colors are  
 used at parties these days." Why not  
 try a touch of BLACK AND WHITE  
 for a new and distinctive atmosphere?

Fern of Fernie asserts; "The price  
 of land is so high that you may find  
 it necessary to build your castle —  
 in the air."

According to a writer on nature  
 topics, turtles can live 150 years.  
 Maybe, chuckles Knotty Frankie, but  
 I'll bet they don't have much fun.

### YOU SAID IT, T. A.

Human nature is queer. When  
 we're right we credit our judg-  
 ment; when we're wrong we  
 curse our luck.

— T. A. LAHEY, C.S.C.

### IS THIS POLITICS, EH?

"Why have not these men in office  
 done what they said they'd do?"

"What'd they say they'd do?"

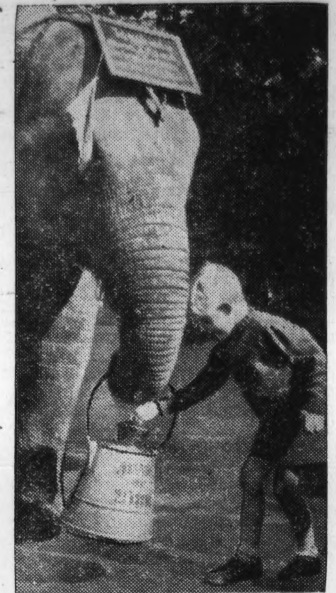
"How would I know? But why  
 didn't they do it all the same?"

"Well, how do you know they  
 haven't done it?"

"Because they never do."

— Ernest Haycock in "Long Storm."

## Nehru's Gift to Berlin's Children Wants Mate



Shanti, West Berlin zoo's only  
 elephant, has started collecting pen-  
 nies from children to get a mate.  
 The sign on her head reads: "I am so  
 lonely. Help with a little gift to buy  
 a friend for me." Carrying a bucket  
 in her trunk Shanti tours the zoo  
 ground begging pennies to buy her  
 husband. The elephant was a gift  
 from the Indian Prime Minister,  
 Pandit Nehru, to the children of Ber-  
 lin.

When winter comes wouldn't it be  
 exciting to know just how far behind  
 spring really is.

### HAVE YOU A MATCH?

A writer in the Police Gazette says  
 that last year Americans spent ten  
 billion dollars on 1,000 billion cigar-  
 ettes, and it was all a complete  
 waste. Of course it was, declares  
 Brother Stiggins, their money just  
 went up in smoke.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding,  
 but, it also proves that in spite of the  
 high cost of living our cousins below  
 the line still have money to burn.

### OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!!!

Nan of Nanton, who has just  
 returned from a trip to Victoria,  
 says, "What a beautiful city, but  
 so old fashioned, quiet and con-  
 servative." Naturally, Nan, Aren't  
 it's residents "Victorians?"

A writer in Maclean's Magazine de-  
 clares Calgary summers are among  
 things unmentionable. Maybe that's  
 because it's modesty not to mention  
 things seldom seen.

### FOLLOW THE MAN FROM COOK'S.

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### Foundation to Finance Co-operative Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Establishment of a foundation to finance education in the field of agricultural co-operation was agreed upon at the recent annual meeting of the American Institute of Co-operation, at the University of Missouri, Columbia. It was the 25th annual meeting of the Institute, and had a record attendance—1,500, including about 1,000 adults and more than 400 youths.

### Should Grow for S. A. Needs

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### Supplied \$2.3 Billions Credit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A total of \$2.3 billions of credit was supplied to U.S. farmers and farm co-operatives by the Farm Credit Administration during the fiscal year ending June 30th last.

To study the Canadian market for "pre-fabs" a team of British experts recently began a coast-to-coast tour of this country.

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### Collaboration Between Co-ops. and General Farm Organizations Is Urged

Close collaboration between co-operatives and general farm organizations was advocated by the Committee on Agricultural Co-operation which met in Rome, Italy, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the IFAP. Canada was among the fourteen countries represented on the committee. Observers from several other countries, and a number of organizations, were also present.

Field work done during the past year included a study tour for co-op employees in France, with the aid of UNESCO funds; and a specialized study of co-operative meat marketing in Sweden. Similar tours in England and Denmark are planned.

### "Shooting Script" for Film

A "shooting script" has been prepared for a film on international farm co-operation, which it is hoped will be made available to co-operatives as well as to governments. The committee recommended that a study of the most effective means of providing co-operative education for young people be prepared by the Secretariat. Research on membership relations, public relations and co-operative principles and philosophy should be carried out, according to a further recommendation.

S. Mantere, Finland, and Homer Brinkley, U.S.A., were chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.

Stating that there will be no rail tie-up on the C.N.R. in the handling of this year's grain, Donald Gordon declared recently that any bottleneck will be depend upon the capacity of terminal elevators and lake and ocean shipping facilities.

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## INVENTOR SHOWS NEW "ARTIFICIAL EYE"



Mr. Saudemont, above, is seen demonstrating his invention at the Fall Inventors' Show in Paris. It's an "artificial eye." The inventor says it is a small battery-powered camera which works like a kind of "television" on the brain, permitting limited sight to the blind.

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